

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A network printer which is connected to a network and performs printing based on printing requests from clients also connected to the network, the network printer comprising:

a plurality of paper supply means;

designating means for designating at least one client or job for at least lease one of the plurality of paper supply means such that one paper supply means is dedicated for one client or job; and

printing means for accepting only printing requests from the client(s) or for the job(s) designated by the designating means, and for performing printing according to the accepted request(s) using the respective dedicated paper supply means, wherein designation of the at least one client or job for the paper supply means is completed before requesting the printing job.

5. (Original) The network printer of claim 4, wherein the plurality of paper supply means includes a manual feed tray.

6. (Original) The network printer of claim 4 further including means for spooling printing requests from non-designated clients or for non-designated jobs until designation by the designation means is removed.

7. (Original) The network printer of claim 4 further including means for refusing printing requests from non-designated clients or for non-designated jobs.

8. (Currently Amended) A network printer which is connected to a network and performs printing based on printing requests received from clients connected to the network, the network printer comprising:

a plurality of paper supply means which are capable of holding different types of paper, the type including at least paper size and paper alignment;

designating means for designating at least one of clients or jobs for at least one of the plurality of paper supply means such that one paper supply means is dedicated for one client or job; and

printing means for accepting only printing requests from the client(s) or job(s) designated by the designating means, and for performing printing on recording sheets supplied from the paper supply means dedicated therefor, wherein designation of the at least one client or job for at least one of the plurality of paper supply means is completed before requesting the printing job.

9. (Original) The network printer of claim 8, wherein the plurality of paper supply means includes a manual feed tray.

10. (Original) The network printer of claim 8 further including means for spooling printing requests from non-designated clients or for non-designated jobs until designation by the designation means is removed.

11. (Original) The network printer of claim 8 further including means for refusing printing requests from non-designated clients or for non-designated jobs.

12-14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A network printer responsive to print requests from clients connected to a network, comprising:

a plurality of paper supplies;

means for dedicating at least one of said paper supplies for a print job of a particular client based on a request from said particular client,

wherein printing from the paper supply dedicated to the particular client is reserved for a period of time such that others of said clients are prevented from executing print jobs using the dedicated paper supply during the period of time, and wherein designation of said particular client for at least one of said paper supplies is completed before requesting the print job.

16. (Previously Presented) A network printer of claim 15, wherein the particular client is permitted to perform a plurality of print jobs using the dedicated

paper supply such that printing from the paper supply dedicated to the particular client is reserved for a plurality of time periods.

17. (Previously Presented) A network printer of claim 15, wherein the reservation of the dedicated paper supply by the particular client is terminated once the printing job of the particular client ends.

18. (Previously Presented) A network printer of claim 15, wherein the reservation of the dedicated paper supply by the particular client is terminable by the particular client.